

Rabies and Animal Control Rules

EXCERPTS FROM
TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES
CHAPTER 6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Section

R9-6-101. Definitions

24. "Quarantine" means the restriction of activities of persons or animals who have been exposed to a case or carrier of a communicable disease during its communicable period.

R9-6-105. Rabies Control

In Article 5, unless otherwise specified:

1. "Animal control agency" means a governmental agency or its designated representative with local responsibility for controlling dogs and cats.
2. "Cat" means an animal of the genus species *Felis domesticus*.
3. "Dog" means an animal of the genus species *Canis familiaris*.
4. "Euthanize" means to put an animal to death painlessly.
5. "Exposed" means bitten by or having direct contact with a rabies susceptible animal.

Historical Note

Adopted effective January 20, 1992 (Supp. 92-1). Former Section R9-6-105 renumbered to R9-6-107, new Section R9-6-105 renumbered from R9-6-102 and amended effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4). Amended effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2).

ARTICLE 3. CONTROL MEASURES FOR COMMUNICABLE AND PREVENTABLE DISEASES

R9-6-301. Diseases and Conditions Declared Reportable

The following diseases listed below are reportable. The diseases and corresponding Sections of this Article which designate the case control, contact control, environmental control, special control and outbreak control measures, if any for each such reportable disease, are listed below:

R9-6-348. Rabies in Humans

- A. Case control measures: A health care provider or operator of a blood or plasma center shall not utilize donated blood, plasma, body organs, sperm or other tissue from a case, suspect case or suspect carrier for transfusion or transplantation.
- B. Special control measures: The local health agency shall conduct or direct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case.

Historical Note

Renumbered from R9-6-741 and amended effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4).

Former Section R9-6-348 renumbered to R9-6-351; new Section R9-6-348 renumbered from R9-6-345 and amended effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2).

ARTICLE 5. RABIES CONTROL

R9-6-501. Animals Exposed to a Known Rabid Animal

- A. An animal control agency shall manage a dog or cat that has direct contact with a known or suspected rabid animal according to one of the following procedures:
 - 1. Euthanize;
 - 2. Confine in isolation for 180 days under the supervision and control of the county or municipal animal control agency and vaccinate 30 days before release:
 - a. If the exposed animal was never vaccinated,
 - b. If the exposed animal was vaccinated with a triennial vaccine more than three years before being exposed, or
 - c. If the exposed animal was vaccinated with any other vaccine more than a year before being exposed;
 - 3. Revaccinate and confine in isolation for 90 days under the supervision and control of the county or municipal animal control agency, if the animal was vaccinated less than 30 days before being exposed; or
 - 4. Revaccinate within seven days, confine and observe by the owner for 45 days with the approval and supervision of the county or municipal animal control agency under the following circumstances:
 - a. If the animal was vaccinated with a triennial vaccine more than 30 days and less than three years before being exposed, or
 - b. If the animal was vaccinated with any other vaccine more than 30 days and less than one year before being exposed.
- B. The animal control agency shall immediately euthanize, an animal, except a cat, dog, or livestock, exposed to a known rabid animal.
- C. The animal control agency shall handle a dog or cat exposed to a suspected rabid animal in the same manner as one exposed to a known rabid animal, except that

confinement shall be terminated at such time as it is determined that the biting animal is not rabid. Such determination shall be a negative rabies report from the Department laboratory, or a certificate signed by a veterinarian stating that the suspected animal is no longer showing symptoms of rabies.

- D. Livestock shall be handled according to Department of Agriculture rule A.A.C. R3-2-408.

Historical Note

Amended effective December 22, 1976 (Supp. 76-5). Correction, this Section shown as amended effective December 22, 1976 should read amended effective May 12, 1977 (Supp. 77-3). Corrections, subsections (A), (B) and (C) (Supp. 77-5).

Amended effective April 10, 1980 (Supp. 80-2). Former Section R9-6-116 renumbered without change as R9-6-501 effective January 28, 1987 (Supp. 87-1).

Section R9-6-501 repealed, new Section adopted effective January 20, 1992 (Supp. 92-1). Former Section R9-6-501 renumbered to R9-6-701, new Section R9-6-501 renumbered from R9-6-201 and amended effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4). Amended effective April 4, 1997 (Supp. 97-2).

R9-6-502. Suspect Rabies Cases

- A. The animal control agency shall confine, supervise, and control an animal, other than livestock, that shows symptoms of rabies when captured until it dies or a veterinarian determines it is no longer showing symptoms of rabies.
- B. Whenever the animal control agency euthanizes a suspected rabid animal, it shall be done in such a way as to avoid damaging the brain, so rabies testing can be performed.

Historical Note

Amended effective December 22, 1976 (Supp. 76-5). Correction, this Section shown as amended effective December 22, 1976 should read amended effective May 12, 1977 (Supp. 77-3). Amended effective April 10, 1980 (Supp. 80-2). Amended as an emergency effective August 31, 1982 pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1003, valid for only 90 days (Supp. 82-4). Emergency expired. Former R9-6-117 amended as a permanent rule by adding a new subsection (C) and repealing the former subsections (C), (D) and (E) effective January 21, 1983 (Supp. 83-1). Former Section R9-6-117 renumbered without change as R9-6-502 effective January 28, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). Section R9-6-502 repealed, new Section adopted effective January 20, 1992 (Supp. 92-1). Former Section R9-6-502 renumbered to R9-6-702, new Section R9-6-502 renumbered from R9-6-202 and amended effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4).

R9-6-503. Records Submitted by Enforcement Agents

By April 30 of each year, municipal, county and other animal control agents shall file with the Department a report of activities during the preceding calendar year. The report shall consist of animal control agent activities which include the number of dogs licensed, the number of stray dogs and cats impounded and method of disposition, the number and species of wild animals disposed of, and the number of animal bites reported by species of animal.

Historical Note

Amended effective December 22, 1976 (Supp. 76-5). Correction, this Section shown as amended effective December 22, 1976 should read amended effective May 12, 1977 (Supp. 77-3). Amended effective April 10, 1980 (Supp. 80-2). Amended as an emergency effective August 31, 1982 pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1003, valid for only 90 days (Supp. 82-4). Emergency expired. Former R9-6-118 amended as a permanent rule by repealing subsection (C) and renumbering subsections (D) through (I) effective January 21, 1983 (Supp. 83-1). Former Section R9-6-118 renumbered without change as R9-6-503 effective January 28, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). Section R9-6-503 repealed, new Section adopted effective January 20, 1992 (Supp. 92-1). Former Section R9-6-503 renumbered to R9-6-703, new Section R9-6-503 renumbered from R9-6-203 and amended effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4).

TITLE 3. AGRICULTURE

CHAPTER 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION**

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ARTICLE 4. ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

R3-2-408. Disposition of Livestock Exposed to Rabies

Livestock bitten by a known or suspected rabid animal shall be handled using the methods prescribed in the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians' Compendium of Animals Rabies Control, 1999, Part III, Section 5. This material is incorporated by reference, does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, and is on file with the Department and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Historical Note

Adopted effective August 19, 1983 (Supp. 83-4). Section R3-2-408 renumbered from Section R3-9-408 (Supp. 91-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 6 A.A.R. 25, effective December 8, 1999 (Supp. 99-4). December 8, 1999 effective date corrected to reflect what is on file in the Office of the Secretary of State; correct effective date is January 1, 2000 (Supp. 01-1).

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